

(c) Out of the two departments of history at the University of Calcutta and Aligarh Muslim University which were selected under the UGC Special Assistance Programme at the level of the Centres of Advanced Study during 1963-64 and 1968-69 respectively, the Department at the University of Calcutta was discontinued during 1974-75 due to its poor performance.

Poor implementation of mid-day meal scheme

**1503. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States and UTs are not implementing the mid-day meal scheme, inspite of sufficient funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details of the defaulting States and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to change the callous attitude of States in implementing the scheme with all sincerity, which would help bringing children to schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meal) is being implemented in all States/UTs in the country except Lakshadweep which runs its own Scheme. Five states namely Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (174 blocks), Orissa, Tamil Nadu and the UT of Pondicherry are serving a cooked meal, while other States/UTs are distributing food-grains.

(c) The Central Government has urged States to implement the scheme in all eligible schools and send periodical utilisation reports.